

## Report of the Editor of *The Gray Hawk* 2017-2018

*The Gray Hawk*, the monthly newsletter of UIRA, was published ten times (September through June) during 2017-2018 with the traditional summer break in July and August.

With appreciation for the economical use of internet circulation, colored photos (especially past UIRA Travel Photo Contest winners) and graphics were used to enhance the publication. An emphasis was made to circulate the newsletter in a timely manner at the end of the month preceding its publication date, to feature an easily accessible front page calendar listing future events, to welcome new members and to provide coverage of past programs to disseminate valuable information and promote community among members. In addition to UIRA general membership events, the two Special Interest Groups were promoted as well as the Emeritus Faculty Lecture Series. Information on free, non-fundraising events open to the public and relevant to retirees was also included.

With concern for accuracy editing assistance was provided by the president, president-elect, immediate past president, membership chair and website chair with special assistance from Past President Ken Starck. Michael Barron provided a monthly president's message and President-elect Sue Otto was a contributor extraordinaire, providing event summary coverage and photos in addition to her other responsibilities. George Sauerberg also served as a trusted event reporter.

As in the past, a small number (28) of members unable to use email distribution are mailed black and white copies monthly. The long-range goal remains to have all members receive electronic distribution. *The Gray Hawk* is also distributed electronically to Big Ten Retirees organizations in a cooperative exchange publication practice.

A personal goal has been to recruit a new editor for *The Gray Hawk* as this final year of a three-year term is completed. That successful recruitment assures that *The Gray Hawk* maintains and expands its important role as the primary, accurate, relevant information source for the UIRA.

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